

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete page 4, lines 20-25 of the application and replace with the following amended paragraph:

--Upon hydration, the viscosity of Component 1 increases to form a gel-like substance. Typical properties of Component 1 include its "stickiness," ~~viscoelasticity~~, "viscoelasticity," i.e., its ability to return to its original shape after being displaced, its rapid gel time, and the fact that the polymer chains relax and swell upon hydration. Examples of preferred ~~aerylie~~ Component 1 polymers include ~~Superfloc~~ SUPERFLOC A-120, ~~Superfloc~~ SUPERFLOC A-130, and ~~Superfloc A-150HMW~~ SUPERFLOC A-150 HMW, all of which are anionic polyacrylamide flocculants from ~~products of Cytac Industries Inc.~~ Another example is ~~Magnafloc~~ MAGNAFLOC 1011, a high molecular weight anionic polyacrylamide flocculant from Ciba Specialty Chemicals, Inc. --